

## ExceleRate Subcommittee, Minutes of January 2020 meeting

Thursday, January 16, 2020, 10:30 – 12:30

National-Louis University's Lisle campus, 850 Warrenville Road, and by conference phone

### Present

Ann Kremer, Artiya Nash, Beth Knight, Carie Bires, Cindy Berrey, Cindy Wall, Debra Clark, Emily Ropars, Jamilah R. Jor'dan, Jenny Metcalf, Karen Berman, Marie Masterson, Shauna Ejeh, Tamara Sanders-Carter, Teresa Ramos, Teri Talan, Tom Layman, Toni Porter

#### 1. **Welcome and introductions**

#### 2. **Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting, November 2019, were approved unanimously.

#### 3. **First draft of revised CQI standards**

Previously, the Subcommittee recommended adding a new section of the standards on CQI. Tom drafted this section based on Subcommittee discussions. The Subcommittee reviewed the first page of the draft, "Continuous Improvement of Learning Environment and Instructional Quality." The attached draft, dated 1/17/20, incorporates recommended changes and identifies two assignments for follow-up.

Toni Porter reminded the Subcommittee that these standards will be piloted in certain counties in combination with funding changes through the PDG B5 grant. The Subcommittee discussed global quality assessments in the pilot, and whether the standards intend for every classroom to receive an external ERS or CLASS assessment (which would be expensive). Beth Knight encouraged the group to create pilot standards and supports that can, in the future, be brought to scale, rather than ideal standards that cannot be supported. The group also noted that mixed-age classrooms for young children, with continuity of care, are sometimes not supported by standards or funding.

In discussing where Inclusion assessments and CQI should fit, Karen Berman pointed out that any program accepting federal funds, including CCAP, must now serve children with special needs. This requirement must be supported at every Circle of Quality, no longer just at "Awards of Excellence." A small group was formed to consider further revisions to the Inclusion CQI standard.

Teri Talan requested that the entire draft of pilot standards (rather than the CQI pages only) be circulated before the next meeting. Tom will update the full draft based on discussions today and at Tuesday's meeting with the All Families Served Subcommittee.

#### 4. **Review and approval of document: *Vision for Quality System and Funding System Integration*, updated 1/11/20**

Subcommittee members proposed a few edits to the document, which have been incorporated in the new version (attached) dated 1/17/20. The co-chairs asked Subcommittee members to vote by email whether to Approve or Disapprove this document by Jan. 31, so it can be sent to the full Quality Committee. Please send your votes and any further comments to Tom: [tom.layman@illinois.gov](mailto:tom.layman@illinois.gov).

#### 5. **Developing parallel standards for family child care**

There was no time to discuss this topic.

#### 6. **Next meeting Thursday, February 20, 2020, 10:30 – 12:30, NLU Chicago campus**

Tom will send Outlook calendar invitations for the next several meetings.